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1. Relations between Argentina and Spain have taken a sudden turn for the worse as a result of an incident between Eva Peron, wife of the Argentine President, and the Spanish Ambassador to Argentina, Jose Maria Areilza.

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2. Mrs. Peron completely lost her temper recently when Areilza arrived late to an official summons by Mrs. Peron and that she insulted the Ambassador in coarse language before a small group of government officials. Despite the Ambassador's efforts to apologize, Mrs. Peron has refused to receive him since that time.

3. Areilza is said to be extremely concerned over this development, fearing that Mrs. Peron's attitude toward him will largely nullify the success of his work to draw Argentina and Spain closer together. He fears also that when he returns to Spain in the near future, he will not receive the cabinet post he had expected and may even be dismissed from service by Franco.

4. The Spanish Ambassador's children returned to Spain aboard the CABO DE BUENA ESPERANZA on 21 December.

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